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the MASTERN TRADER (a Panamanian freighter) arrived About in Tsingtao from Hong Kong with a small number of rubber tires and an estimated 1,500 tons of raw cotton. Three thousand drums of peanut oil were taken to Hong Kong from Tsingtao on a previous voyage.

after taking flour to Dairen, the vessel returned to Tsingtao on 22 September with a cargo of coal*. The crew was not permitted to take shore leave in Dairen. 25X1X

- - The cargo of flour transported to Dairen allegedly was for the USSR under the terms of the recent trade agreement.
 - On 12 September the TAICHUNGSHAN** arrived in Tsingtao. Un 19 September the HWACHUNG (Portuguese) came back from Chefoo with a damaged boiler, and was still in port on 26 September. On 23 September the NaNCHaNG (a Butterfield and Swire vessel) arrived from Hong Kong with 1,000 tons of general cargo for Tsingtao merchants.
 - 5. On 2 September the COLON arrived in Tsingtao from Hong Kong and offloaded two lots of raw cotton: One of 785 bales, consigned to an unknown Shanghai firm; and another of 945 bales, for the Kincheng Banking Corporation, Shanghai***. The ship was supposed to go to Dairen for coal but the trip was found to be unnecessary because there was ample coal in Tsingtao. On 26 September the COLON was still in port awaiting cargo.
- 6. On 20 September the SAN EDUARDO (Panamanian) arrived in Tsingtao from Hong Kong and offloaded two lots of raw cotton: One of 500 bales, consigned to 25X1A

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a British cotton mill, Shanghai; and another of 2,990 bales, for the Shanghai 25X1X Commercial and Savings Bank, Shanghai***.

- 7. About 20 Chinese passengers from Canton, who arrived in Tsingtao aboard the SAN EDUARDO, gave the impression that they were using pseudonyms and were representing Canton business interests. They were traveling to the Peiping conferences.
- 8. Since I September there has been a sizeable increase in the number of ships, both large and small, which enter and leave Tsingtao harbor, and the above-mentioned vessels are but a small portion of the total number cleared. Six to ten "puff puffs" are seen daily in the harbor.

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